



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 248 without my signature.

This bill would require the owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility to submit an application for a permit renewal either six months or two years prior to expiration, depending on the expiration date of the permit.

There is no question that comprehensive reform of the Department's operation is needed and the Administration is committed to working with the Legislature on that task. When it comes to protecting the public health of our communities, government cannot afford to make promises it cannot keep.

Adding new responsibilities to the Department must be undertaken holistically while considering the resources and funding available. Doing anything less robs the community of a real solution and sets government up for failure.

Addressing the structural problems at the Department, both fiscal and administrative, will not be an easy task, but one that is achievable if the Administration and the Legislature work together. I look forward to the partnership.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.